

Well know that Christmas buying is now on. Newspaper advertiser presents your bargain to tomorrow.

Uncle Bill's Idea.
men who press their suit don't
use who wait to get the cream
find that the milk has soured.
A man who finds the most pleasure
in it is the one who doesn't have
to be persons can make you believe
black is white without having to

RIOUS REVERSE

British War Office Receives Intelligence of Another Defeat in South Africa.

LOST ELEVEN OF THEIR GUNS.

Engagement Took Place at Camp in Which the Boers Had the Best of It.

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THE WHEAT CROP.

The Statistician of the Agricultural Department Makes His Report to His Chief.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The statistician of the department of agriculture reports the wheat crop of the United States for 1899 at 547,300,000 bushels, or 12.3 bushel per acre. The production of winter wheat is placed at 291,700,000 bushels, and that of spring wheat at 255,600,000 bushels. Every important wheat-growing state has been visited by special agents of the department, and the changes in acreage are the result of their investigations.

The newly seeded area of winter wheat is estimated at 30,150,000 acres, which is about 200,000 acres greater than that sown in the fall of 1898. The sowing of wheat is still going on in California and some of the southern states and the foregoing estimate is subject to correction. The average of condition is 97.1.

The acreage sown with winter rye is estimated at 76 per cent. less than that of last year. The average of condition is 95.2 per cent.

The compilation of the average returns from individual farmers is approaching completion. Any slight changes that may be called for in the average yield per acre of corn, oats, barley and other crops as published October 10, will be made at an early date, and the final figures will then be available.

Seventh Day Adventist Convicted.

Rome, Ga., Dec. 16.—J. P. Eaton, a seventh day adventist, was convicted here Friday of a misdemeanor. He was charged with cultivating a truck garden on Sunday. On trial he stated that the scriptures make it sinful to labor on what is "usually known as Saturday." Eaton challenged any one to prove the legal Sabbath is Sunday. Sentence was suspended until January, and Eaton was permitted to give bonds.

Fire in a Coal Mine.

Phillipsburg, Pa., Dec. 16.—A number of buildings containing boilers, engines, steam compressors and other mine machinery were destroyed by fire Friday at Morrisdale, Pa., the plant being known as No. 1 shaft of the Morrisdale Coal Co. The value of the buildings and contents is estimated at \$30,000. Four hundred men have been thrown out of employment. It is also reported that the fire has reached the inside of the mine and that the loss will amount to \$75,000.

Recruits for Manila.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The war department has arranged to send about 1,000 recruits to Manila to fill the regiments which are running short on account of death, disease and discharge. The steamer Sumner is being transformed into a troop ship at Norfolk, and will be used for the transportation of these recruits, who are now being congregated at Fort Slocum, N. Y.

Philadelphia Gets Republican Convention.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The republican national convention will be held at Philadelphia on Tuesday, June 19 next. The place and date were decided upon by the national republican committee after a friendly contest for the honor of entertaining the convention between the city selected, Chicago, St. Louis and New York.

Funds for Boer Sick and Wounded.

Eureka, S. D., Dec. 16.—The Holland congregation in this city and in Emmons county, North Dakota, are contributing money through their church organizations to the Red Cross fund for the Boer sick and wounded.

Eddie Connolly Given the Decision.

New York, Dec. 16.—Eddie Connolly of St. Johns, R. C., was given the decision on points over Kid McPartland, of New York, in 25 rounds of fighting at the Broadway athletic club Friday night.

Accidentally Killed While Hunting.

Fort Scott, Kan., Dec. 16.—Dr. F. C. Rainer, a physician of this city, was accidentally killed Friday while hunting with a party of friends near here. The trigger of his gun caught on a post and his head was blown off.

San Francisco Theater Burned.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 16.—The Comedy theater was destroyed by fire Friday. The flames are supposed to have started in the scenery room. The loss will exceed \$25,000.

BOWLING.

The Tigers and Maple Leafs met on the alleys of the Shawnee club last night the former proving victorious in the first two games by scores of 791 to 705; and 789 to 682. This gives the Tigers the lead in the race.

We are offering some splendid values in Black and Fancy colored Undershirts prices from \$1.00 to \$3.50. Heavy all Wool Flannel Skirts in beautiful patterns at 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.19 at Bauer's, 61 Public Square.

Born to Mr and Mrs Ezra Mumaw, 326 Charles street, a son.

Simons has the largest line of candies you have ever seen.

All kinds of five cent cigars at Simons' for \$1 a box.

The Handkerchiefs this season at 15c are as pretty and fine as the 25c ones were last year at Bauer's.

Go to Bauer's Dry Goods Store for useful Christmas presents. Irish Point Square for 25c to \$1.50. Fancy Silk Garters put up in small glass top boxes at 25c. Small Pictures, Photo Frames and Medallions at very low prices.

New line of Flanellette Wrappers, with wide flounce skirts for \$1.00 at Bauer's.

The Ladies of Allen Hives Macabees at Gazette Hall, will give a very entertaining concert in their Hall this evening, introducing Edison's largest Phonograph, which they guarantee to talk better, longer and faster than any lady present can. Come and hear this wonderful talking machine. Admission 10 and 15 cents.

Did You See

The ten nice prizes Simons will give away?

The ladies will find it a good idea when they see something that suits them as a Christmas present to "nab" on whether you find it at the Lima Tea Co. or some other place, if you don't, you may not find it when you go back.

Go to Bauer's and see what they have in the way of useful Xmas gifts.

Leave your order at Dimond's for your Christmas Turkey, if you want something fat and juicy.

Prof. Frey's Orchestra will give a dance at Wheeler Hall to-night. All lovers of dancing should not miss the opportunity of dancing to good music.

You've only a few days longer to bring in your pictures and get them enlarged for Christmas. The price is still 98c at 109 east Wayne street.

Do your Christmas buying at Bauer's.

If you want a nice present for your wife or sister, we are offering from now until Xmas \$1.50 Black Crepons at \$1.25 and \$1.25 Cr pons for \$1.00 at Bauer's.

IT WILL NEVER BE SEEN AGAIN

We mean that you will never have such a golden opportunity to get a big 10, and 10 1-2 inch Jardiniers for 75c as this lot which we are just opening up, any color you want, any shape you want, elegantly finished, you never seen so many in one lot, you never seen such big ones for so trifling a price, we are selling them from 75c to \$1.65. Come quick before the assortment is broken.

As a present give something useful. We have an endless variety of the best makes of Hosiery for Boys, Girls and Ladies at prices that will surprise you. Bauer's 61 Public Square.

Mr. and Mrs. George Siraw, of Carey, are guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bates.

Mrs. John Stocks, of White Rock, Michigan, is spending a few days with Walter P. Bloom and family, of west High street.

O. L. Copus and family, of North street, will shortly remove to Fort Wayne, Ind.

Remember the Sideboard At Simon's. A chance with every 5 and 10 cent purchase. 2t

FOR SALE—A light delivery wagon, counter table 11 ft long, writing desk and large map of the world. Will sell cheap. Enquire at 727 south Main street. 3t

TIMELY TOPICS

To Be Discussed To-morrow By Pastors of the City of Lima.

St Paul's Lutheran Church—Corner west North and Elizabeth streets, Rev F P Bossart, Pastor.—There will be a special service at 10:15 a.m. at which the new members will be formally received and the Lord's Supper will be administered to the congregation. The Sunday School will occupy the new Sunday School room for the first time at 9 a.m. The Luther League will hold a devotional meeting at 6:15 p.m. and the regular evening service begins at 7 o'clock. The seats are free and all are cordially invited to attend these services.

Main street Presbyterian Church—Sabbath school at 9:30. Preaching by the pastor at 10:30, subject: "Divine Judgment." C. E. service at 6 and sermon at 7, on "The One Thing Everybody Should Know." On Sunday evening beginning December 24th and during the week of prayer, there will be sermons illustrated with the stereopticon, on "The Life of Christ," "The Home Country of Jesus," and present Mission work for Christ in Africa, China, &c. Strangers and person without church home especially invited. W G Smith, pastor.

Grace M E church—W H Leatherman, Pastor. Sunday school at 9. Preaching at 10. Our coming revival evening, "The Man at the Throttle," a sermon for railroad men. Epworth League meeting is at 3, and is the annual service, led by the pastor. Subject is, "Teach us to Pray." Lesson, Luke 11:1-11. Everybody welcome to all meetings.

Church of Christ, N. Wayne St., W. A. Brandige pastor. Residence 121 South Elizabeth St. The pastor will speak on the following, morning and evening at 10:30 and 7, "Christ's Ideal" and "The Character of Moses." Hear these addresses. Bible School at 9:15. Practice for the Christmas entertainment at 2. Y. P. S. C. E. at 7. Prayer meeting each Thursday night at 6 followed by a teachers meeting. Welcome.

Zion Mission, near the bridge South Main Street. Services; Sunday, Bible study at 9:30, preaching at 10:30, 2:30 and 7. Jesus—"The name that is above every name." Jesus—"The only Savior." Jesus—"The only Cleanser." Jesus—"The only King above all earthly power." Jesus—"The way—The truth and the life," will be proclaimed at all these meetings. S. Moot, Elder in charge.

South Side Church of Christ—Corner Central avenue and Libby street, Rev. Clarence Mitchell, pastor. Sermon Sunday, at 10:30 a. m. Subject, "God's Greatest Thought." Evening services 7 o'clock. Subject, "A Salt Woman." Sunday school 9:15. Junior Endeavor 2:30, Senior Endeavor 6 Prayer meeting and Teachers' meeting 7 p. m. Thursday. Everybody invited to attend these services.

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A DRESS ATTEM

Would make a very nice Christmas gift. See the fine selection of dress goods and silks at E Blum's 57 public square.

"SPECIAL"

A good substantial heavy Sterling silver handle "Toothbrush" displayed in our window at 2c each. Basinger & Cameron.

All sittings made this week and Sunday at Fenner Bros will be completed for Christmas. We have three additional helpers. 2t

XMAS GFT.

What would make a finer Xmas gift than a lot in the Melly addition? 3t

Bauer's store will be open evenings until Xmas.

ON CHRISTMAS

Local Theatre Lovers Will See Porter J. White in "Faust."

Manger Howard G. Hyde has succeeded in persuading the management of Porter J. White, whose fame became known the country over, when he acted as under study for the great Morrison, to appear here on Christmas night in "Faust." This great production when done by an artist such as Mr. White can not be excelled in the way of a bidder for attendance.

The theatre goers of Lima will learn with pleasure of this announcement, and the theatre will likely be packed on the night of Mr. White's appearance here.

Without boasting, Fenner Bros. have the best line of elegant photo card mountings that was ever shown in this city. They spare no expense to make their work equal the best. 2t

WELL AND FAVORABLY

Known was Paul Sprow, Who Died in Sandusky.

Word was received here last evening announcing the death of Paul Sprow, a well and favorably known conductor of L E & W Road, the demise occurring at his home in Sandusky City. Deceased, for years spent the time between runs in this city, and his genial companionship was always anxiously looked forward to, and numerous are the friends that are shocked by the tidings of his death.

Fifty of spare ribs and Country sausage at Elmer Crossley's.

Order your Christmas Turkeys at Crossley's. 9t

Jo Daller has a safe full of Watches, Diamonds, Chains, Charms, Rings, etc., which you can buy at your own price.

SPECIAL ATTENTION

Will be given to the gentlemen buying holiday gifts for their mothers, wives, sisters or your best friend. It will be our intention to assist you as much as possible in making your selection for the person it is intended for. G. E. BLUM, 57 Public Square.

All our fine left-on-hand custom made underwear at half price this week. Knisely Shirt Company, Holmes block.

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UMBRELLAS.

Ladies' and gents' umbrellas for holiday gifts at G E Blum's 57 Public Square.

A JOB LOT OF JARDINIERS.

Never before in the history of Lima has there been such an opportunity to get a great big Jardiniers for so trifling a price as those now being offered by the Lima Tea Co. Every lady in the city that has thought she would like to have a nice big Jardiniers should see them, they are being sold at less than cost at the factory.

A CHRISTMAS PRESENT THAT IS JUST RIGHT.

If you want to spend say 75c to \$1.25 for something to give to a friend that they will appreciate, and always look upon with pride, stop in at the Lima Tea Co. and take a look at our Jardiniers, your time will not be lost even if you do not buy one. 2t

You will find about five thousand of these China Pie Plates at the Lima Tea Co. which they are selling at \$1.00 a dozen. 2t

IF

You are going to buy a dress pattern or a silk waist pattern for a Christmas gift, be sure you make a visit to the dry goods house of G. E. Blum, 57 Public Square. There you will find by far the best selection.

IN THE CONGRESS.

Closing Day of the General Debate on the Financial Bill in the House Friday.

IT WAS OF EXCEPTIONAL INTEREST.

A Sharp Tilt Between Representatives Wheeler and Berry Over the Recent Election in Kentucky.

Practical Completion of the Senate Committee for the Fifty-Sixth Congress. Announced Officially Friday.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Friday the practical completion of the senate committees for the 56th congress was announced officially by Senator Aldrich (R. I.) He presented to the senate an order fixing the committees, and it was adopted without dissent. A few vacancies in the minority representation are yet to be filled. They will be disposed of in a few days. No other business of importance was transacted by the senate.

Senator Foster, of Washington, Friday introduced a bill extending the bounty provision of the homestead law to the soldiers who served in the war with Spain and who have served or are serving now in the Philippines. Soon after the senate convened Friday, on motion of Mr Hale (Me.) it was agreed to adjourn from Friday till next Monday.

The closing day of the general debate on the financial bill in the house proved to be one of exceptional interest. At the outset a sharp personal colloquy occurred between Representatives Wheeler and Berry of Kentucky, over the recent Kentucky election, and the charges growing out of it. Considerable feeling was shown. Later in the day Mr. Bailey (Tex.), until recently the democratic floor leader, received close attention in an hour's speech, vigorously presenting the democratic view, and eulogizing the time-honored and undying democratic organization. In marked contrast with Mr. Bailey's utterances Mr. Scudder (N. Y.), who followed him, announced that as a democrat he believed in the gold standard and would vote for it. Mr. Payne (N. Y.) and Mr. Dalsell (Pa.) also spoke during the day. The debate under the five minute rule occurs Saturday.

Representative Elliott (S. C.), introduced a bill for the building of a new cruiser, to be named the Charleston, to take the place of the cruiser of that name recently lost in the Philippines. The following were among the other house bills introduced: By Mr. Knox (Mass.), for civil government in Alaska; by Mr. Hull (Ia.), for the reward of distinguished service in the war with Spain; by Mr. Linney (N.C.), to reduce the tax on distilled spirits to 70 cents per gallon.

At the evening session Mr. Clayton (Iowa, N. Y.), announced his intention to vote for the financial bill. In response to unfavorable references which had been made to gold democrats Mr. Clayton said there were many of that belief in New York and the number was growing constantly. Others who spoke for the bill were Messrs. Sulloway (N. H.), Bingham (Pa.), Mudd (Md.) and Minor (Wis.). Those who spoke against the bill were Messrs. Robinson (Neb.), Thomas (N. C.), Lloyd (Mo.), Snodgrass (Tenn.), Rucker (Mo.), Robb (Mo.), Davenport (Pa.), Lambs (Va.), Caldwell (Ill.), Stephens (Tex.), Gordon (O.) and Neville (Neb.). At 10:15 the house adjourned.

The story unfolded. Waterford, Ireland, Dec. 16.—The story printed in the Freeman's journal to the effect that the reserves of the Royal Irish regiment, while embarking on their way to South Africa, at this port Wednesday, sang "God Save Ireland," cheered the Boers and President Kruger and threw their rifles into the river, is absolutely unfounded. Nothing whatever occurred among the men beyond the pathetic leave taking which have been witnessed at all similar embarkations.

The Newest Feminine Fancy. The newest thing now to wear is a set of bags, hanging from your belt, made of the same material as your tailor-made suit. For instance, Gladys describes a set of three to me which she had just made of the chevrolot, a sort of mixed stuff, such as her gown was made of. One was for her pocketbook, one for her cardcase and one for her pocket handkerchief. They were different sizes and were lined with silk. They were suspended by narrow bands of the cloth, which were stitched on both sides and stiffened. Ladies' Home Journal.

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Our New Harbor in Samoa

Pago Pago Is the Brightest Gem in all the Great Pacific for Maritime Purposes.

BY THE treaty recently drawn between England and Germany, and to which the United States must agree, this country comes into absolute possession of the gem of the Samoan islands.

Tutuila is probably the most valuable island in the southern Pacific from a marine standpoint, because of its harbor of Pago Pago, which is the equal of any harbor among the Pacific islands and far superior to any other in the Samoan group.

The island of Tutuila is an interesting geological study. It is of volcanic origin, and nature's wonderful forces were not content to rest until they had piled the mighty flow of lava to a height of 3,000 feet above the sea level in some places. But with all its volcanic mountains, the fires which have long since ceased to burn, Tutuila is a beautiful spot in the midst of the great ocean. Of all the Samoan group it is the most fertile. Its 55 square miles are well watered

the sea and the mountains. The coral reef which encircles the island forms practically a canal in the quiet waters of which the natives carry on a small commerce among themselves in small boats.

While the island of Tutuila is a new addition to our territory, yet our connection with the harbor of Pago Pago dates back a number of years. In 1872 Commander Meade, of our navy, made a treaty with the native chief by which he ceded the harbor to the United States in return for our protection. But the senate refused to ratify the treaty which might entangle us with foreign governments, and changed it to an acceptable form. The treaty, as changed, was accepted by the native chief. It took eight years to accomplish this, but the final treaty was ratified on January 7, 1878. Ever since that time we have claimed the harbor as a coaling station, although it has only been during the past year that any steps have been taken to make the improvements necessary.



IN THE HARBOR OF PAGO PAGO.

by rivers of considerable size, and on its steep hillsides and in its pretty little valleys there is a luxuriant growth of tropical plants. In shape the island is long and narrow, as is shown by the accompanying map. Its extreme length is only about 17 miles, and its width at the widest point is but about five miles.

Practically the entire coast line, with the exception of that part opposite the mouth of the harbor of Pago Pago, is encircled by a coral reef. There is nothing however to obstruct the entrance to the wonderful harbor in which the largest vessels can find a safe anchorage entirely protected from the terrible volcanoes peculiar to the South Pacific.

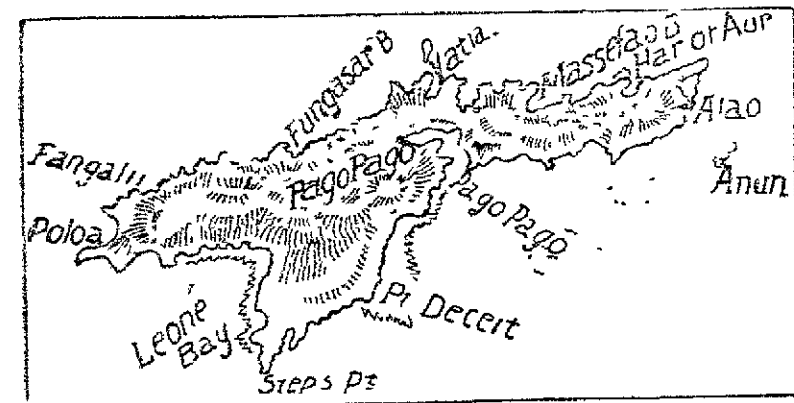
The harbor is in the form of a crescent and extends inland for a distance of three miles affording anchorage for a large fleet of vessels at one time. The waters of the harbor are navigable for the largest vessels being from 100 to 200 fathoms deep to within a quarter of a mile of the extreme end, at which is situated the native village of Pago Pago. Even in this

essay to its usefulness for that purpose.

But while we have controlled the harbor we had no jurisdiction throughout the island itself, although the natives have made several efforts to secure either an American protectorate or annexation in one form or another. Now their ambition is gratified.

It is hard to estimate the difference in a commercial sense that the holding of this island and harbor may make to the entire Samoan group. Up to the present time Apia has been the only port of entry in the entire group and through it has passed all the imports and exports of the islands. With Tutuila passing in the control of America it is quite possible the Pago Pago will be made an open port, and if so it will be a all probability figure prominently in the commerce of the islands.

The average yearly imports of the group are about \$700,000. Of this amount in 1902 Germany supplied \$215,000, Great Britain \$127,222, the United States \$75,414, the Austral in colonies of New South Wales and New Zealand \$187,695, and small amounts from other



TUTUILA ISLAND.

end of the harbor there is a good 18 feet of water, with a clear, sandy bottom.

Our naval officers who have visited this harbor pronounce it the finest coaling and repair station that can be imagined, and predict for it a rapidly growing importance in the trade of the Pacific. For a number of years the United States have had a treaty granting us the use of this harbor as a coaling station, and last year Lieut. Miller of the government engineers, surveyed the harbor and laid the plans for a coaling station of considerable magnitude, which has since been partially constructed.

From a naval point of view, the harbor of Pago Pago is the key to the whole Samoan group, if not to the whole of Central Polynesia. It lies directly in the course of vessels from San Francisco to Auckland, from Panama to Sydney, and from Valparaiso to China and Japan. As a coaling station for merchant marine as well as for American naval vessels it will soon become the controlling commercial point in the South Pacific.

At the present time the island of Tutuila is inhabited only along the sea coast. While the interior is fertile and far more healthy than the coast, yet the 4,000 natives, who are now American subjects, prefer to lay out their little farms on the narrow plain that skirts the island between

South Pacific islands. The American consul general at Samoa states, however, that the greater part of the imports from Australia are American goods. He accounts for this by the fact that it is cheaper to ship to Australia from eastern points and thence to Samoa than it is to ship by rail to San Francisco and from there to Samoa. With a canal across the isthmus, and an American port of entry in the Samoan group, American merchants may sell to the islanders the greater part of their imports and take from them the greater part of their products for export.

Hardly Likely.
"Mercy!" ejaculated the plump and pleasing Widow Huggins, who had opened the door in response to a knock, expecting to find the young minister waiting without. "Who are you?"
"I am a poor wayfarer, maddam," guiltily replied old Soiled Spooner, "but I am perishing for de want uv a square meal."

"Pshaw!" I expected to see a gentleman when I opened the door."
"I hope you don't take me for a lady!" replied the tramp, in an injured tone—Judge.

Not in the Center.
Ida—Father is not frank. He never says or does anything right out.
May—No; he even parts his hair on the side.—Chicago Daily News.

HE WANTED HER BACK.

Chicago Husband Interrupts His Wife's Vacation by Resorting to a Photographic Trick.

According to the Chicago Daily News a broker of that city who has not been long married allowed his wife to go on a visit to her relatives in Wisconsin recently, and his days were weary and his nights dreary and he moaned for her return. It had been agreed between them that she was to stay in Wisconsin for a month, but before the end of the first week of the separation he felt so lonely that he determined to make a touching appeal to her to return at once. He wrote her



ASSUMED A LOOK OF ANGUISH.

such a letter as the circumstances seemed to necessitate, and then he went to a photographer's studio and asked to have his portrait taken.
"Look here," he said to the photographer, "I want a cabinet picture of myself. Can you take it at once and let me have it finished up tomorrow?"

"I will do my best, sir," answered the photographer. "Follow me," and he led him up to a glass house on the roof and invited the broker to take a chair.

"Would you like any particular background or accessories, or just plain?" inquired the artist.
"Just plain—the plainer the better," replied the broker; "hurry up, I'm rushed for time."

The photographer placed the sitter in position, giving an upward tilt to his head and carefully arranging the pose of the hands. Then the artist put his head beneath the black cloth and screwed up the machine to the proper focus.

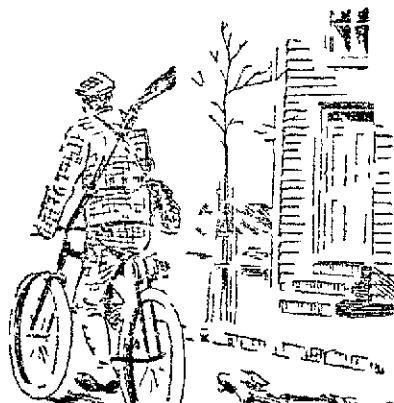
"Now look bright and cheerful," he said, "and keep your eye fixed on that black spot on the wall!"

Instead of looking bright and cheerful, however, the broker dropped his jaw, let his arms fall listlessly and assumed a look of infinite anguish.

"Why, what's the matter with you?" exclaimed the photographer. "Pray brace up and look pleasant!"

"If this position costs anything extra," said the broker, "I am willing to pay for it. My wife is in the country visiting friends and this picture goes to her. See? I know what I'm about. So pull the cloth off and begin counting."

And the portrait was duly finished and it was duly accomplished the object it was intended for. The broker's wife was back in three days.



NIMROD ON A BICYCLE.

dog looked as though it had gone through a carding machine in a woolen mill, the rear of the wheel was as flat as a stale pancake and the man wore a dejected look behind his gunner's rig. There was no sign of game about the outfit, and it looked as though the day had been fruitless even if it was busy.

"It was my own scheme to go gunning on my bike," said the man, with a far-away look in his eyes; but it was not what you might pronounce a howling success. When my dog got on the track of a rabbit I tried to follow, but I couldn't push the machine through the underbrush and leaves. I was afraid to leave it, because I was uncertain of finding it when I got back. When I got started home, disgusted, my dog was so tired that it had to crawl. Then I got a puncture and had nothing to mend it with. Next trip I make will be in a train that will carry me 100 miles from civilization."

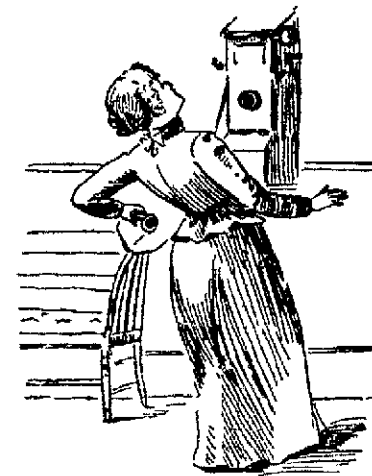
Water Sold by the Foot.
At Watkins, N. Y., water is now sold by the cubic foot instead of by the gallon. The rates are 20 cents per 100 for the first 1,000, ten cents per 100 for the second, and seven cents per 100 for each additional 1,000 feet. These rates make the water a little more expensive to the largest consumer.

DOUGHT TO BE WHIPPED.

Smart Young Man who Played Pranks with an Engaged Couple and Caused Grief.

That there is such a thing as carrying a joke too far has been learned by a young man who is employed in an Eighth street department store, says the Philadelphia Record.

A fellow employee of the joker has been engaged for some time to a young woman who is employed in a Ninth street department store, the wedding having been announced as an event of the near future. It has been an everyday occurrence for the



TOPPLED OVER IN A FAINT.

groom-to-be to talk over the telephone wire to inquire as to her health. For several days last week the tingling ting that set the young woman's heart in a flutter was missing, and she did not hear from her loved one. Never before had he been so neglectful, and when she could wait no longer she called up the Eighth street store and inquired for him. The joker, who answered the phone call, knew of the relations of the loving couple, and when she asked for her future husband the funny man's answer was this question: "Didn't you hear about him?" The young woman replied in the negative and the joker informed her "He has been married and has gone south on his wedding tour." The telephone receiver fell from her hand and she toppled over in a dead faint. She recovered her senses only to swoon again. After nearly an hour of fainting spells she was prevailed upon to go out for a walk. The first person she met on the street was her lover. Weeping, she fell into his arms and it was some time before he knew what was the matter. Finally the girl unde stood enough to laugh instead of cry. He had been away a couple of days on business and when she came to him unexpectedly in tears. Despite the practical joker, who does not think himself so funny after all, the young couple propose to marry and live happily ever afterwards.

SCHOOL BOY BAROMETER.

A Philadelphia Teacher Says by Their Actions She Can Forecast Rainy Weather.

It looked like rain, and naturally he had on a pair of light shoes and carried no umbrella. The car stopped on the far side of Girard avenue and a young lady got in, says the Philadelphia Inquirer. She bowed and sat down beside the teacher, who recognized her as a school teacher friend.

"What do you think of this terrible weather?" queried the disgruntled teacher.

"Is it going to rain, or not?"
"I can't tell you to-day," answered the young lady, smiling at the acceptance of whatever might come. If it were a school day and you were willing to come to school with me I could tell you in a very few minutes with absolute certainty. It is so funny to you but it's true. I have noticed that you can always tell what the weather is going to be by the children. They're like little barometers. If there's going to be a storm they get restless and I have the hardest kind of work to control them. Particularly the boys. The girls aren't so bad but there seems to be some mysterious quality about approach of rain that always affects the former. I've got so now I don't blame them, because I don't believe they can help it. So you see," she concluded, as she got out at Chestnut street, "children have their uses after all!"

Emigration from British Isles.
According to the returns issued by the London board of trade for the last quarter 72,000 emigrants embarked for places outside Europe from the various ports of the United Kingdom at which emigration offices are stationed. The proportions in which England, Scotland and Ireland took part in this exodus may be roughly stated as being for every two Englishmen, three Scotsmen and 12 Irishmen.

SORE LUNGS

Sore lungs, pain in the chest and painful breathing are quickly relieved and cured by the old reliable specific, Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup. This remarkable remedy breaks up a cold in one night and is, without doubt, the very best medicine for all affections of the throat and lungs. It has cured thousands and will cure you. It never disappoints. Try it at once.

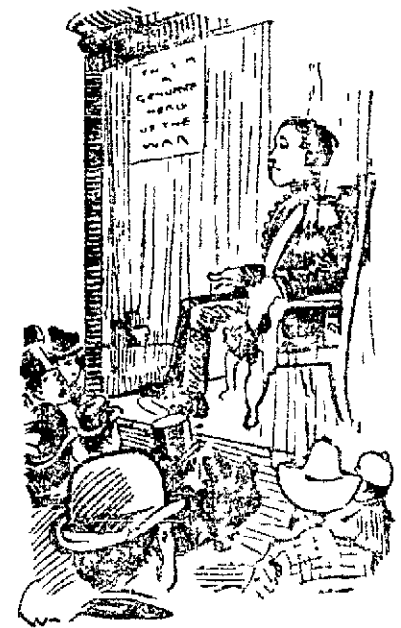
Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup

Will quickly heal Sore Lungs. Doses are small and pleasant to take. Doctors recommend it. Price 25 cts. At all druggists.

Billy Tells of the Hardships of Being a Hero

DO YOU know what I'd rather be than a hero?" asked Billy. "Well, I'd rather be any old thing from a bucket of ashes to a five o'clock tea. If anybody'd come up to me this minute and offer me fifty a week to go out and be a hero, an' have reporters chase me up alleys an' old maids try to hold me up an' kiss me, I'd say: 'Go an' hire some other boy.'"

"You don't seem to have a very high opinion of our national heroes," I said. "Who—me?" I ain't got rothin' against 'em. I'm the only true friend they've got. I'm willing to have 'em alone, an' I think that's what most of 'em want. Did you ever see anything like the way people used Dewey? I'll bet that gray-headed boy is sick an' tired of the hero business by this time. You take a quiet man that likes to get a few old pals around him an' play a little game of seven-up and drag him out an' put him in a show window an' have about 40,000 yaps standin' around an' lookin' at him all day an' it must make him sore on his own country. It must be purty tough to have the camera light turned on you all the time becuz if you make any misstep there'll be a—people—people—people in a second and them that's been tellin' you all along that you're the hottest thing that ever fell out of an oven are the ones that'll get out their hammers and begin to knock hardest at you. You take Dewey. People want daff over him. They overdone it. It mustn't be Dewey's fault. He tried to keep away from the crowds an' tend to his own business, but he couldn't do it. He was the real queen of the May. Mother an' ever body wanted to kiss him. But just as soon as he'd been his house over to his wife these same folks begin to roast him. Now if he hadn't



IN THE SHOW WINDOW.

been a hero he could 'a come back to Washington an' done as he pleased an' there wouldn't have been a peep. I don't care if he'd give all his property to his wife or his son or his daughter. Of course, when he done that he set a bad example to other married men an' they started to holler. I'd rather see a man do like Dewey than turn everything over to his wife than set the way some married men do in givin' the wife about 40 cents a month in then ask her what she cooks with all her money. If Dewey turned the house over to her that showed that he knew she was all right. If she hadn't been all right he wouldn't 'a married her. An' if Dewey hadn't been all right people wouldn't 'a chipped in to buy the house for him. Well, what if the house did happen to be in her name? Dewey's friends in the house ain't he? An' you can bet he's got just as much to say as anybody about how things is run. Why didn't they let the poor man alone for awhile? I'll bet he'd be willing to give 'em back the house an' somethin' to boot if the fool public would promise to leave him alone. But that's what he gets for bein' a hero. Everybody thought he was a big tin angel an' when he comes home an' begins to act the same as a lot of other men, then they begin to roast him."

"Fame has its penalties," I suggested.

"You bet it has. Look at poor Hobson. He was the whole thing until he kissed a few girls that was achin' to be kissed an' then a lot of nice men that claimed they wouldn't kiss a girl even if she begged for it, what did they do? They just the same as run him out of the country. Seeley was another hero. If he'd kept away from the war, he'd be leadin' a quiet an' happy life now, instead of dodgin' brick-bats. An' Sampson, too, he was advertised as a hero, an' some people said he was a real article but he was off miles away when the scrap come on, but his friends claimed he laid out the whole scheme, an' so he ought to get the credit, an' there you are! So these friends of Sampson said that Seeley was a lobster, an' then Seeley's friends said Sampson was nothin' but a cold bluff an' the consequence was that both of 'em have been treated like a couple of tramps, while me an' you, that stayed at home an' took no chances, we've went out of all trouble an' ain't worried any."

It just proves to me that a man's got no business to be a hero. If they ever pull off another war, I won't go anywhere near the front. I'll stay at home an' find fault, an' after it's all over I'll be the only guy that comes out o' the muss with a nice, clean reputation. Look at Shafter an' Miles an' Otis! They've been on the broil-



WOULDN'T LET A GIRL KISS HIM.

an' iron with forks stuck through 'em since they started out to be real heroes. I've poked my head in America that I know the difference between a man who's a hero an' a man who's a hero that have been in the army. As long as the hero business is workin' s'noo he's a great job but the minute Mr. Hero makes a too pay an' misses a shot, all his friends begin to holler "Rotter!" I know him out! Got a wooden man an' so on. Then the poor case gets rattled, an' it's about even to one that he loses his nerve an' does worse than before. Here's a one by three grabber in the United States but what thinks he can run a newspaper boss a hot or cold man, an' a hero? You know him by the way it comes over to the Prof's house to saw wood. That fellow knows more about the Philippines than I know an' MacArthur an' them other fellows over there ever got on to it. I ain't got no opinion on things in the Philippines an' a had Aguirre an' the 10th hatch long ago. See that? If you don't believe it ask a man. He can tell you just how he'd go out. Yes sir, old Ag wouldn't let a girl kiss him in a million for his 'bitch to die if old Mac Grady had got an' a hero. But I'm war so aw'd I know a cin' wood he could 'a got an' so these other fellows. Otis an' MacArthur an' Lawson an' a few others had to do the best they could about it. Jim started at home but he had just as much to say as I'd be on up on the line if he didn't. Let the other fellows ride the train o' bein' performed in he seed back an' called



HE GETS OUT HIS HAMMER.

off. That's the trouble o' bein' a hero. A lot of people get behind trees an' yell at him an' tell him what to do. He's workin' for a lot of mugs that know a good deal more about his business than he knows himself. An' he can't please everybody. So, if any one should ask, you just tell 'em that I don't want to be a hero."

Flowing Hairs.
"My father," said the Colorado girl, "has such long whiskers that he don't have to wear any necktie."
"Pooh!" retorted the Kansas girl, "why, my father had such long whiskers that he didn't have to wear any vest."—Chicago Daily News.

The Fit in the Gingham.
Brown—How do you like your new house, Jones?
Jones—Oh, very well. There's only one objectionable feature about it.
Brown—Well, what's that?
Jones—The landlord's.—Tit Bits.

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IN MEMORY OF LIMA'S DISTINGUISHED SON.

One year ago this afternoon Lima was thrown into deep sorrow by the message which flashed over the wires announcing the death of her distinguished and world-renowned son, the late Calvin S. Brice—Statesman, Financier and Scholar. The memory of him who now sleeps in Woodlawn will remain fresh in the minds of those who knew him, and no prettier nor truer eulogy was ever written concerning the late Senator than the one reproduced below:

"I knew Calvin S. Brice very well for many years, my first acquaintance being before 1876, when I was foreclosing and he defending the old Lake Erie & Louisville railroad, now a part of the Lake Erie & Western, of which Cal was president till his death.

During all the years since my first knowledge of him till his death, we kept our acquaintance bright and current, and as happy a day as I ever spent was with him three weeks or so before he died.

I consider him the brightest all-around American citizen this country ever produced. His personality was no less than charming.

His philosophy of life was exactly the creed on which to make the greatest practical success of an individual life in the time and among the people where his lot was cast; the success being measured by the acquisition of wealth and the power and pleasures wealth can give.

On two or three occasions, when in a great vein of making sport to me of my idiosyncracies, he stated his own philosophy of life with equal brevity and clearness. He said once in substance: "You see, there are only two states of things: Things as they are, and things as they ought to be. Now, things as they are is an existing fact which is susceptible in some degree of being found out and known, and guiding one's conduct by. Now, things as they ought to be is a mere will-o'-the-wisp, a fragment of the imagination; no two fellows make it alike, no one fellow makes it twice alike for himself, and no other fellow can ever find out what it is, anyhow, and it won't stay put, if it does.

Now you are trying to make things as you think they ought to be, and of course you only break your own neck, for no fellow can change things so as to make them as he thinks they ought to be. They will slide him and be as they were, or worse, or better, and, if better, then better in some different way from the particular way in which he wanted them better—so he at last is vanity of vanities, and seeking after wind which still bloweth where it listeth, and you can't tell whence it comes or whither it goes.

"I, on the other hand, look only on things as they are, and try to make the best I can out of them for myself and my friends."

Again, when once I asked him if he was a free trader, he said:

"If any man should say I was not a free trader, more absolute than he ever dare be—in my mind—I should say he insulted my intelligence. But we are not going to have free trade in this country for some years. I don't know how many, you don't know how many, and you can tell your Crank club friends in Cleveland, and you can know yourself that as long as the scheme of protection steal goes on I intend that myself and my friends shall have some of the swag."

He had the most robust, wide, deep, accurate, agile and brilliant imagination of any one I ever knew. He read everything, conversed all the time, and knew everybody's character, disposition, history and foibles in higher degree than I have known of in any one else. He was true and honest in his friendship and in his dealings with others. He did not spend any time trying to prevent the mass of mankind from individually fooling themselves as to the prospective values of things in the open market.

He studied those things for himself and for his friends and played the game of life with things as they are

and men as they are, as nearly as he could find out, and with the same courage, interest and indifference with which he regarded a waxing or waning pile of chips in a poker game. The varying fall of the cards of stocks and bonds, and men and votes was of much the same interest to him as the changing forms in a turning kaleidoscope is to the eye of a child. He loved to watch the ever-changing forms and relations of the different parts.

There was fascination to him in guessing what would come next—and this held with him whether the game was love, war, politics, art, literature, market, journalism, law, theology, or industry, railroads, or balloons.

At once the laziest and most intensely active of men, he was a dreamer of dreams and a chaser of rainbows and sailor of bubbles, and withal never let up a moment the firmest and hardest mental grip on the actual, cold, hard facts of life, and his own and everyone else's real surroundings and circumstances.

He was keenly appreciative of art in all its forms, and struggling merit in any of the paths of art had always in him a generous patron and sympathetic, genial, enthusiastic, unobtrusive helper.

When I said once, when he was very poor, carelessly, "It is only after all how one can best fight the wolf," he instantly retorted: "I don't want to fight it any longer, I want to throttle the damned beast," and he did, for himself and many others, and the little old cold fact that while he was doing it many others fell under the monster's hot breath and reeking jaws was only to him a part of "things as they are," which it was his cue to avoid the harm of if he could, for himself and his friends, and he did.

That he was never a corrupter of men at first hands, I am certain. That he never bought a vote, or would offer to, I do most absolutely believe.

That he spent lots of money on politics in a general way, and for the party, O yes—and so he did on preachers and authors and actors, editors, and Democrats and Republicans, and teachers and paupers, cripples and weak ones, and undeserving—but that was because he could, and was kind-hearted, sympathetic and generous.

He absolutely did not care for money only to play the game of life as he found it, and money happened to be the chips with which the game of life is played in our time and among our people, in the "things as they are."

He was admirable, and I admired him. He was lovable, and I loved him.

Of course, I could not agree with him, because I believe each should try to make things as he thinks they ought to be; but, oh, God! how thin I seem to myself when I think of dear Cal and what he did, and how he did it, and was so gay and brave and heart-some about it, with spirits rising to merriment, jollity and laughter when his associates in his schemes were sick with fear.

It would not be just to stop without saying a favorite trick with him was to join worthless properties into a united whole that was really of great value, as one should make a good carpet of rags otherwise useless and valueless.

I hope his projected Chinese railroad may pan to usefulness to the Chinese and profit to his associate promoters.

He talked of it gaily and grotesque-

ly when I saw him last.

It often occurred to me Dumas' Count of Monte Cristo must have been his model, if he had one, but really I think he had 40 or at least one for each day in the month.

"We ne'er shall see his like again." How his wife and daughters and sons will miss him, and live on their remembrance of him!

L. A. RUSSELL.

LIKE THE OIL MARKET

It was only Monday THE NEWS published a list of new subscribers. Be lieving the installment plan preferable to waiting until the list reaches so large proportions as to require a page, we today call our advertisers' attention to the fact that the good work still goes on. Since Monday their ads have appeared in 60 new homes. People who desire THE NEWS can't do without it and so join the big majority of Lima residents, and add their names to the lists. Below we print the names of 60 additional subscribers added in three days, making the total number of new subscribers since June first, 1490.

Gaze on the list. They are bona fide:

1431 Judge Ritchie	541 W Wayne	1461 Baker	E Findlay
1432 Harley	796 Broadway	1462 Fast	139 E Findlay
1433 Allen	Atlantic Ave	1463 Harvneff	816 S. Elizabeth
1434 Lowrie	330 N Park Ave	1464 Bice	720 Broadway
1435 Reed	444 N Elizabeth	1465 South	531 S. Pine
1436 Colucci	218 W Kibby	1466 Barker	746 S. Elizabeth
1437 Cunningham	796 S Elizabeth	1467 Angier	626 N Jefferson
1438 Quinn	666 N "	1468 Conkle	445 N Pine
1439 Kelley	622 "	1469 Anderson	686 N Jackson
1440 Schaul	615 E High	1470 Schaulz	614 N Jefferson
1441 Frail	681 N. Elizabeth	1471 Cook	317 E Pearl
1442 Bellus	261 S. Pine	1472 Kilgore	980 W Wayne
1443 Marshall	520 Linden	1473 Johnson	St Marys, O.
1444 Foulk	249 S. Pine	1474 Cribles	503 N Jefferson
1445 Smith	571 N. Cole	1475 Algire	439 S Jackson
1446 Dwyer	743 S. Elizabeth	1476 High	413 Harrison ave
1447 Riley	691 N. Elizabeth	1477 Sullivan	536 W Wayne
1448 Smith	546 Albert	1478 Ried	660 N Jackson
1449 Hieks	255 S. Pine	1479 Crumrine	798 S Elizabeth
1450 Smith	519 N. Jackson	1480 Bevert	452 N Jackson
1451 Marshall	223 S. Pierce	1481 Sterling	Boiler ave
1452 Glaze	253 S. Pine	1482 Hadsell	642 N Jackson
1453 Brown	623 S. Elizabeth	1483 Martin	414 Findlay
1454 Cheney	133 W. North	1484 Lightner	716 N Jackson
1455 Bousche	742 S Elizabeth	1485 Breneman	267 E McKibben
1456 McPherson	411 S. Pine	1486 Shondel	676 N Jackson
1457 Lhaman	537 Albert	1487 Burton	416 Findlay
1458 Councilman	796 S. Elizabeth	1488 Decker	264 E McKibben
1459 Ring	221 S. Pine	1489 Haines	468 E McKibben
1460 Fullerton	722 S. Elizabeth	1490 East	442 E McKibben

As a cure for dyspepsia a Chicago doctor prescribes six five-grain capsules of sand after each meal. That would give a man grit, or as they say, put sand in his claw, but think what a pharmacist would charge for a prescription filled out by a high toned physician, reading, silicon, grs. xxx, capsules VI. Six after each meal! It would be almost as profitable as Aquea Calcis in a two ounce bottle.

Two hundred thousand tons of iron ore and 60,000 tons of copper ore have been bought in foreign countries for shipment to Philadelphia during the coming year. This will give employment to 200 ships, if they can be had.

THE DERRICK'S REPORT

Of the Week's List of Completed Wells.

The Oil City Derrick has the following report of operations in Allen county for the past week:

J B Kerr, agent has completed a well on the Clay farm, Jackson township, and it makes 120 barrels.

Maier Bros. & Co, in their No. 3 McBride farm Ananda tp., got a 65 barrel producer.

King, Cheuvront & Mann's No 4 Kanawh, German tp., is good for sixty barrels.

Crossley Bros. have completed their No. 4, Patterson farm, Jackson tp., and it produced 10 barrels.

The Ohio on the Mowery farm, Bath, tp., have fifteen barrel well. Same company's No 12, B Osman, Bath, tp., was good for but ten barrels the first twenty-four hours.

The Sun Oil company's No 1 on the Joe Boone farm Jackson, tp., made ten barrels first twenty-four after shot.

Sun Oil company on the Higgins have in their No. 4, in Bath township, a fifteen barrel.

U M Shappel & company on the M Parker, Bath, got a dry one in their first venture.

The Ohio in their No 14 B Osman, Bath township, was awarded a 75 barrel producer after shot.

	Oil Market.	
Tiona,	-	1.51
Scio,	-	1.66
Pennsylvania,	-	1.66
Barnesville,	-	1.56
Corning,	-	1.49
New Castle,	-	1.41
North Lima,	-	1.17
South Lima,	-	1.12
Indiana,	-	1.12

CAR LOAD OF SLEIGHS

I have just loaded a car of Swell and Portland sleighs. They are going fast. Now is your times to buy. 130 east High street. H PARHAM. 3t

Buy your Couches at wholesale prices direct from manufacturers at Lima Couch Manufacturing company, 297 south Main street, Crossley block, 3 doors south of Spring street.

Elmer Crossley's is headquarters for poultry and meats.

The Globe,

Santa Claus' Headquarters, Best, Newest and Lowest Priced Store in Lima for swell Clothing, Furnishings, Hats and Shoes.

Nothing could please your friends and family more than a selection of useful presents from this line. Below we print a list of desirable Christmas presents. You'll act wisely buying here:

Clip Out This List

And inspect same. Men's and Boys's Overcoats and Suits, Silk or Linen Handkerchiefs, Fancy or Plain Hose, Swell Suspenders, Nobby Silk Neckwear, Newest Smoking Jackets, Rich Oxford Mufflers, Choice Silk Umbrellas, Latest Double breasted Fancy Vests, Lined and Unlined Dress Gloves, Night Robes, Wool or Merino Underwear.

THE GLOBE,

202 North Main. 2nd door South of Watson's Grocery.

Santa Claus' Headquarters. Get Premiums with \$18.00 Purchases.

OPEN EVENINGS TILL CHRISTMAS.

Choice of Any Suit or Overcoat \$12.00.

A Sale That is a Sale.

In order to boom our Christmas trade, greater than ever known in the history of Lima, we will inaugurate the greatest sale of the year.

Until Christmas! Until Christmas!

Your free, undisputed and unreserved choice of any Suit or Overcoat in the store at \$12.90--\$12.90.

The chance of a Lifetime. Everything goes. The finest Worsted and Broadcloth Suits worth \$18, \$20 and \$22 all go at

\$12.90--\$12.90

Any Overcoat, whether it is English Kersey, Imported Montagues, Beavers, etc., worth \$15, \$18 and \$20 all go at

\$12.90. \$12.90. \$12.90.

THE BONIFIDE SALE THAT WILL BE A STUNNER.

Lichtenstader Bros.,

CLOTHING AND SHOES,

Established 1873.

Northwest Corner Square, Lima, O.

CHOICE OF ANY SUIT OR OVERCOAT \$12.90.

Great Slaughter Sale.

Men's Boys' and Children's Clothing.

From now until Xmas our entire stock of Clothing must be turned into cash and the prices will bring the crowds to our store.

Our store room is small and we cannot carry over our winter stock and we will be compelled to sell at 50 cents on the dollar.

Remember life is short and this sale will only last one week and your opportunity to choose one of the best Suits or Overcoats black and blue which will be slaughtered for 75c which formerly sold for \$12.00 \$15.00 and \$17.00.

Black and blue plaid Suits or Overcoats, former price \$9.00, 10.00 and \$12.00, will go at \$5.50.
75c Boys Suits, worth \$1.50.
\$1.25 to 2.25 Boys Suits, worth 2.50 to 4.00.
1.50 to 5.00 Men's Mackintoshes, worth 3 to 10.

Slaughtering Sale of Pants. . .

99c will buy a pair worth 1.75 to 2.00.
1.50 your choice of our 2.50 and 3.00 kind.
2.00 will buy the best 3.50 and 4.00 kind.
3.00 will buy the best 5.00 and 6.00 kind.
25c fleece lined Underwear worth 50c.
50c fleece lined Underwear worth 75c to 1.00.
50c fancy Over Shirts worth 75c.
1.00 fancy Over Shirts worth 2.00.
50c Silk Suspenders for a Xmas Gift worth 1.00 to 2.00.

Remember Xmas is almost here and you must buy some presents. Come here with your \$1.00, and you will get \$2.00 worth for your money. Remember the place and name.

The Square Clothing and Shoe Company,
Southeast Corner Public Square.

P. S.—With every \$15.00 purchase we give a fine rocker or a fine pair of shoes.

CASTLE HALL

Was a Scene of Much Enjoyment Last Night.

Lima Lodge of Pythians Entertain in Anniversary with Minstrelsy.

In celebration of the twentieth anniversary of the founding of their Lodge Lima Pythians last night entertained by a stag affair designated a Members Minstrel.

When the overture of Frey's orchestra had ceased, the raise of the curtain revealed to the participants in the affair a large attendance.

The stage setting was tasty and in true minstrel fashion. As interlocutor F A Holland did justice to the assignment, while on the ends were found Brothers Kent W Hughes, Jerry Orthwine, Steve Churchill and Charles Hoyer. Brothers Joe Hoyer, Charles Adgate, Fred Thomas and Charles Bressler were in on half the entertainment and handled in true negro style the bones. In the chorus were included Oscar Young, Clark Miller and R. Slocum, each of whom did a solo part.

Brothers George Stout and Asa Catt amused the attendance in the clever parts, and adorned in special regalia Rol Slocum for a few minutes was "it" and his "turn" was heartily encored.

A song and dance act by Charlie Bressler and Steve Churchill entitled "Out in the Dark," made a big hit.

A banquet and toasts followed, with Bro Wm Melville on deck. The following toasts were responded to:

Toast—"The Science and Philosophy of Fraternities."

Response.....Rev. R. J. Thomson

Toast—"Continuity."

Response.....Prof. C. C. Miller

Toast—"Pitchin' Hiss and Piss."

Response.....Dr. S. B. Hiner

Toast—"Last Year's Almanac."

Response.....Judge John E. Ritchie

At the anniversary of the lodge

Past Supreme chancellor commander of the world, Walter B. Ritchie, always takes in live interest, but sent his regrets last night in the following telegram from Toledo:

"Regretting enforced absence, I congratulate the lodge most distinguished in the Pythian history, and wish you all an enjoyable evening."

Ladies' Night.

For the benefit of the wives, sweet hearts and friends of the members of the lodge, the program complete will be repeated next Monday evening, after which dancing and various other amusements will be indulged in.

PERSONAL MENTION.

D. J. Cable was in Toledo on legal business yesterday.

Mrs L G Baxter, of Delphos, is the guest of relatives in our city.

Mr R R Day, of Columbus Grove, was in Lima yesterday on business.

Miss Georgia Duke, of Kokomo, Ind., is the guest of friends in this city.

Miss Jessie McKinley, of Dupont, is visiting Mrs D E Klingler and Mrs E J Sharik.

Mrs George Reel is visiting in Wapakoneta.

George Jameson was here from North Washington yesterday.

Mrs J C Riley left yesterday for a visit in Chicago.

Your Christmas won't be complete without some of Bower's Delicious Pop Corn goods. Go see his display of Pop Corn and Candy.

Boxes for Christmas Trees, Bonbons for parties, largest assortment at Bower's Bakery.

We defy any dealer or manufacturer in Lima to match our prices on couches.
Newson-Deakin-Bond Co.

COURT HOUSE.

Routine Happenings at Allen County's Capitol.

Application has been made to the Allen county commissioners for a right of way for the new Lima, Toledo & Cincinnati Electric Railway. The petition prays for the right of way for the new line from the north county line to the north line of the city of Lima along what is known as the Cairo or Columbus Grove road. The application states that the track is not to be nearer than 15 feet to the center of the pike. It will come up for hearing next Thursday.

Marriage Licenses.

George Cookrell, aged 20, and Minnie McPherron, aged 17, of Auglaize township.

Robert Meehling, aged 22, and Alice M Hadsell, aged 19, both of Bath township.

Real Estate Transfers.

Belle, V Swallow to Elizabeth A Rowlands, lot 4638 in Van Dyke's addition, \$500.

John H Williams to Lydia J Williams, lot 5193 in Jacob's 8th addition, \$4,000.

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All our fine left-on-hand custom made underwear at half price this week. Knisely Shirt Company. Holmes block.

"THE STELLA"

Music Box makes a nice Christmas present. Basinger and Cameron have them.

Sleigh and sled runners made to order and all kinds of pumps repaired T E Geiger, 147 south Main.

All our fine left-on-hand custom made underwear at half price this week. Knisely Shirt Company. Holmes block.

GENTLEMEN

If you wish to make a nice Christmas gift we will be pleased to show you through our dress goods department or fur department, any of these would make a fine gift for a lady.

G E BLUEM, 57 Public Square.

Country Butte at Elmer Crossley's.

SPECIAL ATTENTION

is called to the dress goods and silk departments at G E Bluem's, 57 Public Square, for the holiday trade.

Jo Daller has on commission a safe full of goods and will sell it cheap rather than send it back.

All our fine left-on-hand custom made underwear at half price this week. Knisely Shirt Company. Holmes block.

"WATCHES"

Our stock of Watches is unbroken. We have the best selection ever shown in Lima. Basinger & Cameron.

FANCY SILKS.

A silk waist pattern for a Christmas gift would be just the thing. An elegant assortment of choice silks is now shown at G E Bluem's dry goods house, 57 public square, for holiday buying.

STAR COURSE.

The Oberlin Glee Club will appear in the Y. M. C. A. Star Course at the opera house Monday. Seats on sale at Y. M. C. A. rooms Friday, Saturday and Monday.

NEW OFFICERS INSTALLED.

The annual election and installation of officers of Lima chapter, No 49, R A M occurred last evening at their hall, the officers elected being immediately installed by E H Johns. Those chosen for honors were: W J Shephard, H P; Wm M Melville, King; Chas W Lewis, Soribe; G E Bluem, C H; Dr Walter N Boyer, P S; L D Fletcher, R A C; Robert P Jones, Treasurer; Wallace Landis, Secretary; Louis Fell, G M 3d V; Thos. W Dobbins, G M 2d V; D R J Roush, G M 1st V; Jno. W Crum, Guard; G E Bluem, Trustees; G E Bluem and R L Bates, Masonic hall directors.

All our fine left-on-hand custom made underwear at half price this week. Knisely Shirt Company. Holmes block.

Christmas Time and the Store!

The formal opening of our Holiday Stock is something more than a mere incident in the year's merchandising; it is of sufficient importance to be classed as an event.

The gift buying time is here. The equipment is here to meet the demand. The store is at its best, from top to bottom, from end to end; everything, everywhere breathes an atmosphere of Christmas.

Just a few Hints of the Many Choice Things We Have for Christmas-Giving:

The Christmas Umbrellas.

Strong here—very strong the word "dependable" is honestly stamped upon every Umbrella in the outfit. There are plenty of prices, there are forests of sticks to choose from, for both men and women. Early choosers get the chance at such values as these.

Men's Umbrellas worth 1.38 for 1.00
Men's Umbrellas worth 1.50 for 1.25
Men's Umbrellas worth 1.75 for 1.50
Men's Umbrellas special good values at \$2, 2.50, 2.75 and 5.00
Ladies' Umbrellas worth 1.25 for 1.00
Ladies' Umbrellas worth 1.50 for 1.25
Ladies' Umbrellas worth 1.75 for 1.50
Ladies' Umbrellas worth 2.00 for 1.75
Ladies' Umbrellas worth 2.50 for 2.25
Ladies' Umbrellas, great Christmas values, for 2.50, 3.00, 3.50, 3.75, 5.00 and 6.75.

Handkerchiefs For Gifts.

You'll find about every good kind of Handkerchiefs here. You'll find them temptingly priced, with double our usual selling space and the exploiting of these special lots, we'll start the holiday handkerchief selling in good earnest.

Men's colored bordered Handkerchiefs for 5 cents.
Men's white Hemstitched Handkerchiefs for 5c.
Men's choice Handkerchiefs for 10 cents.
Men's choice Handkerchiefs for 15 cents.
Special attention is called to our Men's Initial Handkerchiefs for 25 cents.
Ladies' Handkerchiefs both colored and white for 5 cents.
Ladies' Handkerchiefs 10 cents.
Ladies' Handkerchiefs at 12 1/2 cents.
Ladies' Handkerchiefs, extra good values for 25c.
Ladies' Fine Embroidered Handkerchief for 25c.
Ladies' Fine Handkerchiefs for special Christmas giving at 50c, 75c, \$1.00, 1.25, 1.50, 2.00, 2.50 to 4.00 each.

Kid Gloves and Kid Mittens.

Special values and special prices. Regular lines reinforced, new lines specially bought for Christmas.

Kid Gloves at 1.00
Kid Gloves at 1.50
Kid Mittens for 50 cents.
Kid Mittens for 75 cents.
Kid Mittens for 1.00.

A Big Christmas Cloak Sale.

Lots of stylish Jackets and Capes bunched together for quick selling. Your gift giving money can be spent to some purpose here. Kindly read every offering.

A line of Ladies' Jackets, in colors Brown, Blue, Tan or Black, of Beaver Cloth of excellent weight, Price, \$5.

A strong line of Jackets in many colors and stripes full silk lined pieces, Coverts, Kerseys, Oxfords, &c., Price, \$10.

A bargain lot of Golf Capes, a manufacturer's unloading; many pieces worth 50 per cent more than we ask, Prices \$5 to \$8.75.

A splendid line of Golf Capes, in choicest colors and effects, the best of the season's production, Prices \$8.75 to 14.00.

Rich qualities in Black Kersey Capes, handsomely welted and stitched, Prices \$10 to 22.00.

Silk Waists, Wool waists, Separate Skirts.

Most sensible gifts these and gifts that will be properly appreciated. Just two specials of each to start the ball rolling.

Fine quality of Taffeta in prettily made Waists in color and black, neatly corded and tucked, Price \$2.75.

The choicest styles and qualities, in most desirable colors and black, Price \$5.

All wool Tricot Waists in colors red and blue, full lined body and sleeves, braided collar and front, Price \$2.

French Flannel Waists in colors blue and red, full lined body and sleeves, neatly braided, silk stitching, Price \$3.

An assortment of most desirable Plaid Skirts, Price 5.00

The always good Black Mohair Skirts, Prices 3.75 to 7.00.

Warm Furs for Gifts.

Caught a fur manufacturer who was top heavy on furs. Early season's unseasonableness the cause. Long winter though, and these furs can be bought at very advantageous prices.

The Arbes make of Electric Seal Jacket has patent machine stitched interlining that assures the shape of the jacket, prevents the skin tearing, insures durability, a re-order of this coat would be \$50.00. Our Price 38.00.

Wool Seal Capes that are always to be recommended, 80 inches long, brown marten edge, Price 25.00

Brown Marten Scarfs that are of the \$10.00 grade, are full skins, have 8 tails, are uniform color and depth, Price 7.00

Overcoats for Ladies, Misses and Children for 75c, 88c and \$1.

G. E. BLUEM,

57 PUBLIC SQUARE.

The Dry Goods, Dress Goods and Sun House.

Attractions At The Faurot Next Week.

Things theatrical for the past two weeks have been rather of routine. The near approach of the holidays is having a depressing effect on the attendance at the Faurot. With tonight's performance the Holden repertoire company will have closed their engagement of one week. Only two shows are booked for the coming week, the first being that startling success, "King of the Opium Ring," this is booked for Tuesday night.

an opium joint, which from the outside is an innocent looking laundry, but the interior shows side rooms with upper sections fitted with bunks in which men and women lay with little lamps at their side inhaling "happy thought," through realistic looking opium pipes. Opium smoking is a form of a vice which most theatergoers are familiar with only through the newspaper reports of a raid, and the realistic layouts offered in this act are a decided novelty. In the third act is pictured the heart of Chinatown on the occasion of the Chinese New Year; the great mart, the Chinese

witness him in his most successful role will doubtless be very great among his admirers. The name of the new comedy is "A Battle-Scarred Hero" and it is said that the author, Willie Maxwell Goodhue, has evolved something entirely new in the farce-comedy line. The action of the piece relates to the late Spanish-American war and while it is not a war play in any sense of the word, the martial spirit prevails, and the military costumes are soldier-like accessories will doubtless add greatly to the ensemble. As Alonso Fuller the hero of battles which he



JULIA KINGSLEY WITH THE BERT COOTE COMPANY.

KING OF THE OPIUM RING

No doubt that enthusiasm is already being manifested concerning the engagement of the Chinese-American play, "King of the Opium Ring," which will be the attraction at Opera House Tuesday, December 19.

The play comes with a reputation for great success at the Academy of Music, New York, where it played to the capacity of that great theatre for 150 nights. It is a sensational melodrama which is said to contain more different kinds of villainy and Chinamen than anything that has been seen

theater and Joss house, together with the many illuminations are shown, and the thrilling climax of the rescue of the Queen from an upper balcony by the wonderful Chinese acrobats. The last act is the assembly room of the swell Chink club of Frisco, the Fong Quay Society, and is an exact reproduction of the original. This scene is said to be one of Oriental magnificence; in fact, it may be said that all of the scenes are the same, true to the originals.

BERT COOTE COMING

The distinguished Comedian, Mr

never saw, Mr Coote has made the hit of his entire professional career. The supporting company is a very strong one including of course, Miss Julia Kingsley, who is said to be fitted by the author with a part exactly adopted to her personality. Mr Coote's engagement will be one of the greatest laughing events. This uncensored comedian has long had the reputation of being one of the foremost laugh producers of the American stage.

Read about the special offer to subscribers in another column

Did you see Tidd's special. 2t



KING OF THE OPIUM RING.

for a long time. The scenes are laid in San Francisco's famous Chinatown. The first act represents Deadman's Dock, showing the escape of the smuggling yacht, "Halycon" with a revenue cutter firing a fusillade from a rapid fire gun. The second act is

Bert Coote will signalize his first visit to this city by producing at the Faurot Opera House, on Thursday night, 21st inst an entirely new and original Comedy. Of Mr Bert Coote's standing as a Comedian our theatre goers must be well aware, and the desire to

Mrs R Churchill, Berlin, Vt, says, "Our baby was covered with running sores. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cured her." A specific for piles and skin diseases. Beware of worthless counterfeits. H F Vorthamp, northeast corner Main and North streets.

MUSIC AND THE DRAMA

Manager Grau's Troubles.
Popularity of the Kendalls.
Our Importation of French
Farce. ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

NEW YORK subscribes \$1,000,000 for a four-months' season of grand opera. New York plays \$3 and \$7 for seats that Chicago is taxed only \$3.50 for. Perhaps it is not necessary to explain what is suggested by these figures. If Manager Grau could get a \$3 or \$7 audience in Chicago then he certainly would not lower his prices when he brings his big, expensive company west to the metropolis; for, as Mr. Grau says, his is a business and not a philanthropic organization. Chicago boasts of being a musical center, even goes so far as to call herself the musical center, but it would be difficult to get Manager Grau to second this statement.

During the recent season of grand opera in Chicago, the stars sang to as many empty as full seats, even on the nights of popular prices. The vast Auditorium, which in a town of a million and a half or more of people should be packed from orchestra circle to roof on such an occasion as that offered the last three weeks, showed hundreds of unoccupied seats. It is difficult to analyze this lack of interest, but not owing to want of merit in the company, for no one is so ignorant as to fail to appreciate the glitter of the galaxy of stars the impresario has with him. The four corners of the earth have been searched and have given of their best; given Farnes, Nordica, Calve, Suzanne Adams, Schumann-Heink, Campanari, Edouard de Reszke, Bispham, Van Dyke, True, Melba and Jean de Reszke are on the other side, but surely we have more than half a loaf.

Is it then that Chicago is poor, cannot afford \$3.50 seats? It is said a prize-fight, with seats considerably higher, would attract a packed house; that a football game, where the beauty,

prices for orchestra seats are about the same as in New York.

Falling in love with one woman, and making love to another, is the predilection from which the hero must be exonerated in "The Elder Miss Blossom," the play in which the Kendalls appear this season. It (the play) has proven a success in England, and in its preliminary tour here. It has been presented in Philadelphia, Boston and smaller cities, and is now running at the Knickerbocker in New York.

An aunt, Miss Dorothy Blossom, and a niece, Miss Sophia Blossom, are the two Miss Blossoms in the play. Somehow, "Dorothy" sounds young and charming, soft and gracious; "Sophia" elderly and austere, unbending and unapproachable. Well, to Dorothy Arthur writes and declares his love, and receives "yes" by mail.

The mistake happened naturally enough. Just as Arthur Quick was starting on a three years' journey, he saw a girl and fell in love at first sight. He picked up a handkerchief she dropped and found on it the name Dorothy Blossom. The name seemed to suit the girl and he, of course, could not know the handkerchief had been borrowed from the aunt. So he makes love to and is accepted by "The Elder Miss Blossom." The disentanglement of the knot is interesting, as is also, later, the knowledge that he really loves the woman to whom he has been engaged for three years.

The Kendalls have returned to America after a long absence of five years. They opened their American season at the Chestnut street opera house in Philadelphia, where they received a most hearty welcome. These English artists are favorites here, and "The Elder Miss Blossom," in which the parts of Arthur Quick and Dorothy Blossom



RAN SMACK INTO A HERD.

and rub against each other until the plain seemed one bobbing, undulating mass. Then, suddenly, without warning, the animals, led by one old bull, with head and tail in the air, would start off on a mad gallop and rush headlong for miles. We had steamed out on a new locomotive named "Ginger Johnson," after a construction boss named Johnson, who was noted for the ginger he used in his whisky, and ran smack into a herd that was shedding.

"The buffaloes always ran side by side, the herd drawing as closely together as possible, and, Bill Johnson knowing this, slapped on steam, for it was a case of either going along with them or being upset and trampled to pieces.

"Suddenly Bill Johnson yelled: 'We're near Snake Hollow curve, and a herd never swerves!'

"We knew what that meant! The track curved sharply just ahead, and we knew that the herd would keep straight on. We would be upset! We each had a moment's time to breathe a short prayer when the 'Ginger' lurched heavily, swung from side to side, righted itself and kept on. We knew by the jolting we had left the tracks, and were going over the prairie on our locomotive!

"Well, gentlemen, 14 miles from the railroad track the herd came to a standstill, and we shut off steam. We were in the middle of the prairie with our locomotive.

"Well, in an hour or so the herd turned and faced in the other direction. The animals began to rub against each other and shoulder up against the engine. A thought struck Bill Johnson, and he yanked the whistle lever. Away went the herd. Bill Johnson just pulled back the reverse lever, gave her steam, and shouldered along by the buffaloes over the rough places, we ran backward to the railroad tracks and reached them just one hour and 45 minutes after we had left the right of way. The herd separated at the track, and after a little engineering we had the 'Ginger Johnson' back on the steel ribbons. But we didn't kill any buffaloes on that trip!" remarked the colonel, as he rose and limped off toward the hotel bar.

Very Kind to Murderers.
In Kansas persons convicted of murder in the first degree are sentenced to be hanged whenever the governor shall sign their death warrants. No governor has ever issued a death warrant, and so the penitentiary contains many prisoners under sentence to be hanged.

Book Worth a Fortune.
The duke of Devonshire possesses a book for which his father refused an offer of \$100,000. It is "Claude Lorraine's 'Book of Truth,' the rarest book in Europe and an heirloom in the family.

Information.
Friend—How came you to know your wife?
Mr. Sourly—I married her!—Fool.

MAX OWEN.

Beautiful Novelties

You will find our excellent line of Holiday Goods unsurpassed. We've made an effort to select novelties not usually seen in cities of this size and feel we have been successful.

MEN'S AND BOYS'

OVERCOATS AND SUITS

In the latest fabrics—always an appropriate and sensible gift.

FANCY VESTS

Made Reversible—two Vests in one—latest fad. Furnishings to meet the demand of a lean or fat purse.

LOUNGING ROBES

Of the best material in beautiful neat patterns—a "comfortable" present.

SMOKING JACKETS

In large variety; prices 5 to 9. Everyone new and up-to-date. Come early avoid the rush.

EXQUISITE UMBRELLAS

With novelty sticks; price from 1 to 10.

The Latest in Mufflers,

The correct sort for "swell" dresser; prices 25¢ to 1.50. Beautiful Silk Suspenders, all new and the latest designs in imported silk.

Neckwear.

The best make and latest correct styles and patterns. **All NEW.**

Gloves.

The very best make and the newest stock in the city—always a very acceptable gift to a gentleman. An almost endless variety of useful goods that will please you.

For "up-to-date" novelties we are headquarters. Remember, every article a new one.

MORRIS BROTHERS,

MIRBY BLOCK. 217 N. MAIN ST., LIMA, O.

WE ARE AMERICAN CLOTHIERS.

SLIPPED

And Fractured a Limb on North Main.

C. H. & D. Foreman Ray Miller Met With a Painful Accident This Morning.

This morning while walking along north Main street between the Pennsylvania crossing and Wayne street, Ray Miller, foreman of the C. H. & D. yards, met with an accident resulting in the fracture of his right limb.

He was walking along at a rapid pace, when his foot slipped on the icy pavement, precipitating him with force to the walk. On starting to rise, he found himself in excruciating pain. A cab was called, and Dr. Hermann summoned. Medical examination showed the limb to have sustained a bad fracture, which was reduced by the physician and Mr. Miller is resting easily.

Larrowne's Buckwheat finest on the market, at Dimond's.

"A CHOICE"

Line of up-to-date silver Watches at Basinger & Cameron.

Xmas Candy, Largest and Finest assortment at Bower's Bakery. 2¢

All our fine left-on-hand custom made underwear at half price this week. Knisely Shirt Company, Holmes block.

Jo Daller's brother the head of the firm of C. Oskamp, Cincinnati, O., has sent to Jo a wagon load of fine Jewelry for him to sell.

Christmas Decorations at Dimond's. 2¢

All our fine left-on-hand custom made underwear at half price this week. Knisely Shirt Company, Holmes block.

SUCH A CROWD

Never Before Pressed the Bounds of Any

Business House of Lima. The Opportunity Will Close Today.

Such a crowd as thronged the Furniture rooms of the Newson Denkin Bond company during the last 3 days was never before seen in any store of Lima. The prizes are nearly all claimed, but the numbers will be removed from what remains tonight and next week will be given over to holiday purchasers.

Do the people read an advertisement has been proven in the affirmative by the experience of this firm in the last week. They wanted to get as many people as possible to see their exhibit of Staple and Holiday goods, and in order to take away all show of making profit out of the matter they marked 100 articles as free gifts and then distributed duplicate numbers of these throughout the city, asking the people to come and hunt for the article bearing the corresponding number to those on their ticket. The result has been phenomenal; from early morning till late at night his popular store has been filled with people looking all over these various departments for their number, and buying their durable goods, and it goes without saying that today more people know more about this large store than they ever knew before.

You still have six days left in which to buy for Christmas. We advise you to call at this place where you will surely find anything you may be looking for in household goods.

Born to Mr and Mrs Emanuel Shri der, 554 south Main street, a girl.

Simons has the finest line of candy Boxes in the city.

Look at Bauer's comforters and Blankets before you buy elsewhere.

MR. FAUROT

Denies The Story.

Knows Nothing of Any English Syndicate.

The Publication of Last Evening Was a Base Fabrication.

Lima's Veteran Financier States that Headway is Being Made Slowly but Surely.

An evening contemporary came out last evening with a "yellow kid" story concerning Lima's veteran financier, B. C. Faurot. The story stated that parties representing a large English syndicate had been in the city, and had offered Mr. Faurot a handsome sum for his property and holdings in the C. L. & M.

Mr. Faurot was seen in his office this morning by a News man and asked concerning the veracity of the report. "There is nothing in it," said the business man, "and I knew nothing concerning it until a neighbor informed me of it this morning. I have not even seen the paper as yet."

"Can we state that the story as printed was a base fabrication and unwarranted?"

"Yes, sir," was the reply, "for I know nothing of it, and am working on other lines."

Mr. Faurot is a very busy man these days. He has his affairs in the most systematic condition, and while the foreclosure suits are on record, many suits have been filed that were perfectly understood between plaintiff and defendant.

Prof Stanley positively employs no agents. All photos must be brought to the studio, 109 east Wayne street.

All negatives made this week at our Studio the Photos will be finished for Christmas. No work rushed as we have plenty of help. 2¢

KRAUSS & EBERSOLE. Leave your order at Bower's Bakery, for Ice Cream and Cake, for your Xmas Dinner.

Ask Jo Daller to show you some of the goods he has on sale. They're in the safe.

HOLIDAY FIRS.

For ladies, misses and children at G. E. Blum's, 57 Public Square.

H. S. TIDD'S SPECIAL.

One pound best 20¢ cream candy free.

2 bars laundry soap	.01
2 lbs. our home made mince meat	.10
1 box B B shoe blacking	.03
1 box bluing	.04
4 cakes Castile soap, finest	.05
1 peck fine Michigan potatoes	.12
2 oz. cinnamon	.05
7 lbs. new corn meal	.10

Total .50

The quality of goods cannot be excelled. Leave your order early.

H. S. TIDD, 3¢ 208 East North street.

If you want anything in the line of Jewelry do not fail to see Jo Daller, 1st door north of the Union.

The Oberlin Glee Club will appear in the Star Course Monday evening. Seat sale will commence at Y. M. C. A. Friday at 8 a. m.

WHITE QUILTS.

White Quilts, with fringe and without. Special values for holiday gifts. G. E. BLUM, 57 Public Square.

STREETS COMPLETED

And Contractor Henry Gantz Leaves for His Home

Contractor Henry Gantz, the brick paving man, has left for his home in Columbus, where he will spend the winter. Mr. Gantz has completed West North from Baxter west; Water, Linden and Woodlawn Avenue, and rows they are all the best of street paving jobs.

Krauss & Ebersole have engaged Nate Wilson an expert retoucher of Cincinnati to help them out with their Christmas work. Make your engagements at their Studio. 2¢

WATSON'S SPECIAL.

For a few days we are going to give our customers a chance to buy more good groceries for 50¢ than was ever sold in this or any other town for the money. Look at this list and wonder how we do it:

1 pound coffee	Free
2 bars laundry soap	.01
2 pounds granulated sugar	.05
1-4 pound best tea	.15
1-4 pound pepper	.05
2 oz. ground cinnamon	.05
2 oz. ground all spice	.05
1 box bluing	.04
6 nutmegs	.05
2 bars floating soap	.05

We guarantee each article of the list to be of excellent quality and perfectly satisfactory. The entire list must be taken together. Don't put it off but get it today.

WATSON & Co., 3¢ Cheapest Grocery in Lima.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

The dress patterns that can be bought at G. E. Blum's, public square, will make very nice Christmas gifts.

One pound of that fine Cream Candy free with Tidd's special offer. 2¢

Tidd's special offer elsewhere in this issue will tickle you almost to death. 2¢

Christmas Slippers

Only eight days now until Christmas. Better think of presents that will not only be appreciated but a benefit. Let us suggest Slippers.

We have placed on sale 50 dozen of Men's, Boys' and Ladies' Slippers. Handsome styles—quite new beautiful satin styles for Ladies, in Black and Colors.

Custom-Made Slippers

In turn soles of finest and softest Calf Stock,

\$2.00 and 2.50.

Other makers have made us very good copies of these styles at about one-third the price—really good; so near alike you can't tell much difference.

Every cent added to the price adds in some way—quality, style or beauty. You will find extremely good values from

75c to \$2.50.

Ladies' Queen Felt Slippers—modest plain colors, extra well made—nicely trimmed. Some prefer them to the \$2.00 kind.

\$1, \$1.25, \$1.50

MEN'S SLIPPERS

A third below their worth, and the holidays just ahead.

The Slippers are fresh and new—styles and shapes are the same as higher priced sorts.

15 styles—Brown and Black Alligator, Goat, Velvet embroidered, etc.

Some Kid trimmed, others nicely trimmed with Patent Leather.

Comfortable flexible soles

\$1.00, 1.25, 1.50

Ladies' Fancy Stitch Slippers—Red, Brown, Black and Mixed Colors, with heavy fur trimmed and flexible soles

\$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75.

—AT—

GOODING'S,

280 NORTH MAIN STREET.

Holiday Specialties!

Smoking Jackets.

The finest line ever shown in Lima. Exclusive patterns, \$5 to \$18.

Mufflers.

Any color, any style, any quality you may want, from 25¢ to \$2.50. Our leader, "Reversible Oxford Muffler," \$1—if you can duplicate it in any store in Lima at the price you can have one of ours free of charge.

Neckwear.

All the latest shapes and new exclusive patterns.

Umbrellas.

Nothing nicer for your gentlemen friends. None nicer on earth than ours.

Hosiery.

Men's Half Hose in Plain, and fancy stripes checks and embroidered, in cashmere, Lisle thread and silk.

Gloves.

Mocha, Kid or Dog Skin, unlined, silk or fleece lined, in Pearl, Slate or Tans. Just the thing for a Christmas present.

None of the above goods are imported—American made goods are good enough for us. We believe in keeping the money at home.

Not "How Cheap" But "How Good" Is Our Motto.

Everything we sell is worth every penny we ask, and we buy it back at the price paid. If this is the kind of place you are looking for,

"Meet Me At The Lima House Corner."